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EDITORIAL

Summer! It took its time arriving but now it is here and with high temperatures too. It brings with it all the delights of summer - sunshine - blue skies - hayfever and the aroma of garden barbecues. Please check which way the wind is blowing when you use yours so your neighbours do not get the smoke!

Holidays will be on your to-do list too - if you have a memorable one or went somewhere different tell us about it - maybe you tried camping for the first time; travelled to the other side of the world; had a stay–cation ……..

I need to flag up parking – many of our side roads off the main road through the village are in fact LANES and as such not really wide enough for two large vehicles to pass each other easily. Not all of them have a pavement so parked cars are a real hazard. Pedestrians often have to walk in the middle of the road! Not safe at the best of times but especially so if you have small children or are walking the dog!

Have a safe summer and the next deadline is the 20th August for the October./ November issue.

Editor

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Saturday 9 September	Hale Rd Allotments WI Cake Stall Library Book Sale	Mini Market 10.00am to 1.00pm in Market Street

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August		
Thursday 3	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 10	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Thursday 10	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 17	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 24	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Tuesday 29	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting (Note Tuesday)
September		
Friday 1	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Friday)
Thursday 7	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 9	Hale Rd Allotments WI Cake Stall Library Book Sale	Mini Market 10.00am to 1.00pm in Market Street
Thursday 14	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Thursday 14	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 21	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Monday 25	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Thursday 28	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
October		
Thursday 12	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Monday 23	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Thursday 9	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Monday 27	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Monday 11	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting

CLUB REPORTS

WER'E ALL GOING ON A SUMMER HOLIDAY.

In fact, quite a few of have just come back. Now we are able to do so, many of our members have ignored warnings of passport holdups, ferry delays and the rest of it, the urge to travel is too strong to resist any longer. Our club is closed for the Summer break, even the AGM, Prize Giving and Club Dinner are behind us. Our 'Image of the Year' is chosen, Barry Hatton's stunning picture of the Northern lights will appear on our website from now on. This time of year is when we stock up images for the coming competitions and the Exhibition. We have already chosen our three Set Subjects, which are: Movement, Lines and Patterns, and Portraits. We have been told that this last is not restricted to people, it can include animals or even places, anything portraying the character of the subject.

Before our next year's programme begins we will meet up on Saturday, August 26th, for our Annual Barbecue, this time co-hosted by the Shores and the Taits, down in Boxworth End. (Wearing my other hat I visited both for WI Open Gardens; forget the food, the gardens are wonderful). This is when we go a sickly shade of green when told of all the sights the other members have managed to visit during the break.

We have a change of Programme Secretary, Colin Hookham is taking over and we know we can rely on him to produce another year of excellent evenings, well up to the high standards we have come to expect. Our Welcome Evening is in SVC at 7pm on Thursday 7th September. Please come along, everyone is free for this introductory night.

Our Programme starts in earnest the following week , 14th, with an evening of Astrophotography by Nik Szymanek. Later in the term we have an important Zoom talk from Timothy Allen, the well-known Travel Photographer, then further on we have Natural History from Bob Brind Surch and Kevin Pigney. Plenty of interest once again.

Do come along, it is a very friendly club,

Mo Hadfield.

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Swavesey WI News

Dates for your Diary

August 14th	Haddenham 17th century Murder Trial. Talk Gill Shapland.
September 11th	Travel Talk by Simon Shore and Neville Tait.
October 9th	My Photographic Story by Kevin Pitney.
November 13th	Christmas Cookery Demonstration.

At the time of writing this, Swavesey WI members are looking forward to their "Open Gardens" Evening in June. Members will be visiting fellow members' gardens the length of the village and will enjoy refreshments in the Memorial Hall. Great enthusiasm for this event as we have some very keen gardeners amongst us!

On September 9th we will be running our very popular Cake Stall in Market Street at the village Open Market…not to be missed!

Swavesey WI hosts Compass Cafe at the Bethel Chapel on the 4th Thursday of the month. This is always a popular morning to meet up with friends/ make new ones too, over a cup of coffee and homemade cakes.

Our Institute is a thriving group of like-minded ladies, who enjoy a varied programme of events.

To find out more please ring one of the contacts below for more information.

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Will Wright Memories (*Continued from last issue*))

When we started our 3rd school year at the County on Hills Rd. there were changes in the school curriculum whereby we were given the opportunity to join the cadet corps, which entailed training periods of about an hour & a half hour on Wednesday afternoons when the lads would be marching around the playgrounds. I didn't really fancy this so I took the advice of my 2 fellow pupil village friends, Tim Parish & Nicky Alsop, and took the main alternative option which was to join the school gardening club. This group operated on the garden area to the rear of the school buildings between the tarmac play areas & the railway line boundary. A major benefit of this was when bad weather made gardening impractical we were moved to the library where we could all get on with our homework. Our "Head" boy at the time was none other than Roger Waters, who was later to form the Pink Floyd along with Sid Barrett, another County boy for 4 years or so. One of the pupils in Tim & Nicky's year was Storm Thorgerson, who was later to become the art designer for millions of album covers including of course " The Dark Side of the Moon ".

It always amused me on the days when fellow pupils would be wearing their military uniforms with so many of them proudly displaying the "ban the bomb" badges which were everywhere in Cambridge. These were in the early 60's in the days of the cold war, but to our generation I'm sure there was more interest in the new music & songs that were being created with availability on plastic singles & albums.

I think it was during my 4th year at the County when I had got involved in regular chats with a couple of friends, both of whom played guitars as a hobby and they suggested we should maybe get together & see if we could form a band as we all had similar preferences in the music of the day - the sixties were I believe unique as the music world was opening up big time! They both lived in Girton and had access to a wooden hut which I believe was used by the local village community groups including the Scouts and so we started rehearsing once or twice a week with a few extra days during the holiday periods.

I had been banging away on my drum kit up in the first floor loft space of our house for a few years and it was opening up a whole new world being able to play with other musicians, as we had by now expanded to a 4 piece band and had actually played to local community groups as an audience and taken the name of "The Aztecs", not quite sure where it came from but there you go. Out of the blue we got the chance to play in a local pub in Willingham, I think it was called the White Hart, needless to say it is no longer a pub! It was the first time we received payment for our services - I reckon it was £10. The major problem was that we not only had no form of transport, in fact none of us were old enough to drive and so had to pay someone who had a van to transport us & the equipment to & from the venue, needless to say we ended up out of pocket but never-the-less had a great evening.

The Aztecs came to an end as we were all getting ready for our forthcoming O level examinations, the results of which would influence the futures of all the lads as the expectation at the school was that the bulk of the pupils would go on to take their chosen A level subjects for 2 years in the 6th form and then to move on to take a place at one of the Cambridge Colleges.

Free Food and More Sustainability News

Would you like to get some free food? Then you'll be interested in Olio. It's a great way of avoiding wasting food and saving money at the same time. It is simple, all you have to do is get the Olio app and sign up. You'll see lots of free food that has been donated by local supermarkets and collected by local volunteers in Northstowe. Most of the food is 3 miles away, or less. There is also a space for items that people are giving away and others at low cost.

The Sustainability Hub are working on local projects that help our environment by encouraging biodiversity, reducing waste and promoting reuse and recycling. Have a look at the wildlife patch by Moat Way playground – it's starting to take root. Please do feel free to add your own plants. There are tools on site that you can use.

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Swavesey Spartans FC

Do football seasons ever end in the 21st century? England beat North Macedonia 7-0 in a competitive international at Old Trafford on 19 June whilst the English cricket team was playing in the first test of the 2023 Ashes at Edgbaston on the same day. The 2023 men's FA Cup Final was on 3 June, kicking off at 3pm, the traditional kick off time returned if nothing else from yesteryear survived. 50 years ago, the FA Cup was won by an Ian Porterfield goal (or was it a Jimmy Montgomery double save?) Sunderland's 1-0 victory over Leeds United on 5 May 1973 kicked off at 3pm, it was the last time that a team from the north east won the FA Cup, the last final to be played using an orange ball and the last time that the winning matchday squad at kick off did not boast a single international cap between them. A Newcastle United victory in 2024 would change one of these facts?

The English Football League kicks off 2023/24 on 5 August 2023 (Cambridge United preserved their League One (3rd division in "old speak")) status on the final day of the 2022/23 season, Premier League football is back on 11 August. Spartans league games are scheduled to start on 9 September.

The finals of the Women's World Cup 2023 in Australia and New Zealand conclude on 20 August with the final from Sydney (1100 ko UK time). Will the USA complete a hat trick of triumphs, will England win for the first time, or will one of the other 30 finalists come out victorious?

Swavesey Spartans celebrated the 2022/23 season on 18 June at Swavesey Village College (SVC) on their new Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP). We reflected on the 2022/23 season whilst watching intra-club football tournaments the day culminated with the traditional award presentations. Jez Daniel won the Lewis Mannion Shield for over a decade of support to the club, support he continues to provide as his 3rd child is now a Spartan. The presentations were made by 2 players whose football pathway involved playing in Swavesey. Liam O'Neil pulled on a Swavesey Spartans shirt before progressing into the West Bromwich Albion (WBA) academy via the Histon FC youth programme. Liam played in the Premier League for WBA, gained experience in Finland and with Scunthorpe United before moving to Chesterfield and in 2017 onto Cambridge United. Liam has played over 160 first team games for "The U's". Issy Bryant was a Bar Hill based SVC student who has played for Cambridge City, Ipswich Town and for England at youth level. Issy is currently studying in the USA on a soccer scholarship

A special mention for the Under 14 boys who sustained 2 competitive teams last season with the "Royals" winning the League Cup and retaining first place in the highest division within their age group with a remarkable 100% record in 2022/23. Well done to the players and coaches involved.

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Swavesey & District History Society

May meeting. More than 40 heard Paul Fellows from Over tell the fascinating story of "The Search for Planet Vulcan". Paul is a Fellow of The Royal Astronomical Society and Resident Astronomer on board the QEII.

In 1684 at a dinner for gentlemen, Edmund Halley, Robert Hook and Christopher Wren discussed comets, gravity and the inverse square law. They knew that Isaac Newton was also on the case so Halley funded him to tidy the mass of random papers on his desk, mostly of complex mathematical calculations, and in 1687 Newton's master work "Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica" was published. Using Newton's three laws of motion, this formed the basis of classical mechanics; the theory of how large bodies move under gravity.

By 1859 the French mathematician Le Verrier had already spent much of his life creating an accurate mathematical model of the Solar System but Mercury, the planet closest to the sun, was proving problematic because it was moving around the sun slightly faster than the influence of the other planets – Venus, Earth and so on – could explain. Mercury simply wasn't obeying the rules of gravity as defined by Newton. For Le Verrier the solution was obvious: some undetected mass, orbiting even closer to the Sun, was giving Mercury a regular gravitational push. Given its closeness to the unimaginable heat of the Sun, the new world was quickly named Vulcan, after the classical god of fire, volcanoes and the forge.

In 1781 William Herschel had discovered Uranus. Le Vernier found Uranus was also slightly wobbly and by detailed back-calculation he predicted a new planet was pulling it slightly off course. He sent his calculations, based on Newtonian mechanics, to German astronomer Johann Galle who successfully found Neptune in the right place in 1864, a very powerful demonstration of the ability of modern science to anticipate and predict. Similarly, it seemed logical that planet Vulcan was affecting Mercury and astronomers started looking for Vulcan with real excitement and claimed sightings were soon coming in, often from reputable sources. But nobody could prove beyond doubt that they had found Vulcan.

Then in 1915 Albert Einstein proved the theory of general relativity which showed that gravity is actually the curvature of spacetime caused by matter. This was an entirely different understanding of gravity from that of Newton and it showed that the peculiarities in Mercury's orbit were the results of the curvature of spacetime caused by the mass of the Sun. With general relativity, there was no need for Vulcan. It kept the audience spellbound though.

June meeting. For our final meeting of the season, Joanna Hudson from Pampisford related the emotional story of the short life of "George Brewster, the Last Climbing Boy". George was apprenticed in Cambridge to William Wyer, master chimney sweep. In February 1875 Wyer forced George to climb one of the three main boiler chimneys of the County and City of Cambridge and Isle of Ely Lunatic Asylum at Fulbourn. He struggled to move in the unusually narrow shaft and became stuck within 15 minutes. A wall was knocked down by which time George had suffocated to death. He was eleven years old. On 13 Feb The Cambridge Independent Newspaper reported the inquest into his death where the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against Wyer who was sentenced to six months in prison with hard labour.

George's death was a major catalyst for change. When reports in London newspapers of his inquest were read by the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury, he vowed to act and led the successful campaign to push a Bill through Parliament. In September 1875 a law was passed ending the use of children as 'climbing boys' in England. George was the last climbing boy to die in the country, and his death helped provoke the change that led to the end of all child labour practices in industries such as farming, mining and in factories. In 1876, compulsory education for children was recommended and four years later a further Education Act made school attendance compulsory.

Joanna tenaciously searched records and eventually discovered George was buried in an unmarked grave in an abandoned, seriously overgrown corner of Mill Road cemetery and she has set up a fundraising page to pay for a blue plaque in his memory and to place a commemorative statue on his grave. Capital Park, who took over ownership of the site at the beginning of 2023 have willingly agreed to allow the plaque to be placed near the site of the chimney and the current Earl of Shaftesbury has agreed to unveil it in due course. Meanwhile Joanna is busy searching for living descendants of George – can any reader help here? George is the only child in the country to have his own blue plaque.

Swavesey & District History Society returns on 19 September

Year after year our programme contains a wide variety of expert speakers and interesting local subjects. Earlier in 2023 the topics included –

- The 1947 Floods
- Discoveries at Trumpington Meadows
- From Blacksmith to Dental Surgeon

The History Society meets at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in The Global Environment Centre at Swavesey Village College – through the main entrance then 30 metres along the corridor to the right. No need to book so you are welcome to just walk in. If you want further information, contact our Secretary, Carolyn Redmayne, on 01954 230037.

The new season starts on Tuesday 19 September when Peter Daldorph tells us about the Scottish Soldiers and the Ouse Washes. Further topics before Christmas will include The history of Marshalls of Cambridge and Cholera epidemics in the 19th century. Early in the New Year we offer Bastardy, Bigamy, Brawling and Brothels

MISCELLANY

SWAVESEY LIBRARY
is your local voluntary run community library.

Our children's summer reading challenge in now well underway. It's a great way to encourage your children to continue reading throughout the summer holidays. Lots of books to read, fun activities, stickers and progress charts. If you haven't yet jointed the challenge, it's not too late, just pop along today.

Did you know that in October its 20 years since Swavesey Volunteer run Community library took over the running of the Swavesey County Council Library? Watch this space for details of a children's party and formal events in October to celebrate this fantastic achievement.

We are open: -
Tuesday afternoons 3.30pm – 5.30pm,
Wednesday evenings 5pm – 7pm and
Saturday mornings 10 – 12 noon.

Swavesey library can be found in the Old Entrance Hall, Swavesey Village College. Its entrance is at the righthand side of the Gibraltar Lane car park. Just follow the library signs.

For further information; -

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It Will Probably Be Cloudy…
A guide to the night sky over Swavesey during August and September.

Mid-August will see the reappearance of the Perseid meteor shower, caused by the debris stream from the comet Swift-Tuttle. The shower will radiate between the constellations Perseus and Camelopardalis, and you may see activity from mid-July. The peak of the Perseids is Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th August this year. Fortunately, the maximum is about three days before the New Moon, so conditions will be favourable.

There will be two Super Full Moons in August, one on 1st August and another on 31st August. The Moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual. The full moon on 1st August was known by early Native American tribes as the Sturgeon Moon because the large sturgeon fish of the Great Lakes and other major lakes were more easily caught at this time of year. This moon has also been known as the Green Corn Moon and the Grain Moon.

The full moon on 31st August is referred to as a blue moon, since this is the second full moon in the same month.

Mercury is visible to the naked eye, but it is a bit of a challenge. It's so close to the Sun that the separation between the two isn't particularly large as seen from Earth. During the moment of greatest Eastern Elongation on 10th August, we will have our best chance to spot it, low towards the west as the Sun is setting.

Two weeks after the Super Sturgeon Moon, the New Moon on 16th August is a Micromoon. This is the point in the Moon's orbit farthest away from Earth.

Saturn moves into opposition on 27th August. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long. A medium-sized or larger telescope will allow you to see Saturn's rings and a few of its brightest moons.

Neptune moves in to opposition on 19th September. Due to its extreme distance from Earth, it will only appear as a tiny blue dot in all but the most powerful telescopes.

The September full moon is on 29th September. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Corn Moon because the corn is harvested around this time of year. This moon is also known as the Harvest Moon. The Harvest Moon is the full moon that occurs closest to the September equinox each year. This is also the last of four supermoons for 2023.

The Autumnal equinox occurs on 23rd September marking the end of summer and the start of Autumn in the Northern Hemisphere.

Chris & Helen Nunn

Swavesey 100 years ago (August & September 1923)
From the Cambridge Chronicle

BANK HOLIDAY. 10th Aug. 1923 A large number of visitors were in the village over the weekend, some of whom are extending their stay beyond the Bank Holiday. On Monday 180 market tickets were issued from Swavesey Station to St. Ives, and 43 cheap tickets to Cambridge for the Mammoth Show.

CRICKET. 10th Aug. 1923 With reference to the recent correspondence on big hitting in cricket, the captain of the Swavesey Cricket Club informs me that some years ago E. J. Warboys, playing for Swavesey against Abbey United, on Parker's Piece, hit a ten. Either two or three of the runs resulted from an overthrow, but as the Swavesey score book has been destroyed, exact details cannot be ascertained.

KILLED BY WASPS. 17th Aug. 1923 A goat belonging to Mr. Charles Savage, while feeding on Tuesday evening in a Drove near Turn Bridge, was attacked by a swarm of wasps, and was stung so badly that it died during the night. It is believed that the animal had disturbed a wasps' nest.

A MOTORCYCLE MISHAP. 31st Aug. 1923 A motor cyclist with a lady on a pillion behind him, had a narrow escape from a serious accident when riding along the Huntingdon Road on Thursday, the 23rd inst. Near the turning to Boxworth, the handlebar snapped off, and the cyclist was unable to steer, and completely lost control of the machine. Luckily the road was clear of other vehicles, and, after wobbling about for some yards, the cycle toppled over, depositing the cyclist and his passenger on the ground. Fortunately, beyond a few abrasions, neither was hurt, and a motor car coming on the scene, they were taken on to Cambridge.

THE RECREATION GROUND. 7th Sept. 1923 A ratepayer writes: I should like to call attention to two matters connected with the Recreation Ground or Play Green. In the first place, I would point out that when the footbridge and stile leading from the Recreation Ground towards Brick-hill drove were re-erected some little time ago by direction of the Parish Council, no steps were provided for the stile, thus rendering its use practically impossible by women, and also by men who are not as active as they once were? Secondly, who is responsible for looking after the movable fence which was put up a few years since by the Parish Council for the protection of the cricket pitch? Several of the rails are lying in different parts of the green, some are broken, and one or two have been used as football goalposts. The fence, as it stands, is useless for the purpose for which it was provided, and, if the pitch does not at present need protection, it should, I think, be removed and stored in a place where it can be taken care of. It is true that

the cost of the fence, about £26, I believe, did not fall on the rates, as it was paid for out of money received from the letting of the herbage on the Recreation Ground. But that is no reason why money should be wasted owing to the neglect of those persons who are responsible for the care of the ground, and in my opinion the cost of putting the fence in proper condition should not be paid out of the herbage money, but should be defrayed by the persons who did the damage, or failing them, by those whose duty it is to look after the ground.

RAILWAY ITEM. 14th Sept. 1923 When the 5.41 down passenger train arrived at Swavesey station on Sunday, it was noticed that the engine and all the coaches bore the initial letters, L.N.E.R. This was the first complete L.N.E.R. train to pass through Swavesey.

EXCURSION. 21st Sept. 1923 Thirty-three passengers were booked from Swavesey station on Wednesday morning by the excursion train to Great Yarmouth.

VILLAGE LIBRARY. 21st Sept. 1923 A fresh consignment of books having been received from the County Education Committee, the village library will be re-opened at the National School this (Friday) evening, from 7 to 8 p.m. In future the library will be open on Wednesday evenings for adults, and on Fridays for children.

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Selwyn's diabolical puzzle on book titles. Part 9

It has been drawn to Selwyn's attention that these book titles puzzles are much too difficult for most Swavesey residents, even when supplied with the answers. Therefore, to spare the community from further feelings of inadequacy or failure, this is the last one.

Each clue leads to the title of a well-known book. All the books come under the category of fiction, so do not look for Roget's Thesaurus or A Brief History of Time etc. General knowledge, a mildly cryptic approach and Google™ should provide most of the answers.

German greeting, translated, leaves one appalled but needing no introduction (11)
Earliest tales about rhinos, zebras and nyala: hope feats are amazing! (6,2,3,4)
Othello differs in new production (4,2,3,5)
I am on a run, dashing about dead-end Hampshire town (3,3,2,6)
Touch propeller as it spins (3,5,6)
Like the winner of the Venus Rosewater Dish? (3,5,2,5)
Roadblock limiting kidnappers' first bungled effort (2,4,1,11)
Jennifer Parker, maybe? (3,4,10,4)
Does it have such people in it? (5,3,5)
In which doctor and reader do battle with her murky fog? (3,6,2,5,7)

You will find the answers to this puzzle on page **42**

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An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Perhaps the most beautiful of our doves and pigeons, the Turtle Dove is a cherished sight in our landscape and one which has been celebrated in poetry and art since the time of Chaucer. With orange scalloped wings, rose-hued breast and black-and-white striped neck patch this is a distinctive bird. They have nothing to do with turtles themselves; the name comes from their repeated purring call which sounds like the French word – 'Tourterelle'.

Turtle Dove – Henry Cook

This species migrates to Sahelian Africa in the autumn and doesn't return until the following May, spending longer away from the UK than here. The migration is a perilous one and is made even harder by the risk of hunting around the Mediterranean along their journey. This, in combination with a few other causes such as agricultural intensification and habitat loss, has led to the Turtle Dove becoming the UK's fastest-declining bird species with numbers down 98% since the 1970s. A national survey carried out in 2021 found that there were only around 2,100 territories left across the country.

Given this context we are pleased that Fen Drayton Lakes continues to provide a home for several Turtle Doves which have returned and are singing this year. The best places to see them are around Holywell or Far Fen where a scan of the treetops and listening out for the gentle call could help you find them. There have been up to six males in recent years, but it is very hard to tell if they have bred as they become tricky to see during the summer months. However, late last summer we were overjoyed to see young birds following their parents around, learning to feed for themselves.

As part of our reserve management to help the doves, we ensure there are thick hedges for the birds to nest in which are left undisturbed during the breeding season. They also need somewhere to feed such as wildflower-rich field margins that provide a profusion of seed. We supplement this with additional seed to give them a helping hand. The final requirement is somewhere to drink and the margins of the lakes provide lots of opportunities to quench their thirst. As well as efforts on reserves, the RSPB also runs a partnership project called Operation Turtle Dove, with the aim to reverse the decline by assisting farmers and landowners with advice and support. The project is raising awareness of the plight of this lovely species so that generations of people in the future will be inspired by the special wildlife that chooses the UK as home.

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Volunteer-led guided walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday.

To see details and book, please visit:
www.events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

Email: **fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk**

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Over Day Centre Bike Ride Sunday 25th June 2023

Very many thanks to everyone who supported this year's bike rides and the riders who enjoyed the rides of 100k, 50k and shorter family rides, enduring a very hot day. With the two rides from Northstowe and the three from Over, 123 riders joined us with nearly £3,000 raised for the Day Centre, towards solar panels and new bathing facility for clients.

We hope that the photos capture the spirit of the rides as well as the 'after-party' held at Over Community Centre!

The 100k ride start – anticipation high!!
Photo kind courtesy of **Julian Eales, Eales Photography**

Ride completed – family success!!
Photo kind courtesy of **Julian Eales, Eales Photography**

Thanks to our most generous sponsors Law & Lewis, Joiners; Cambridgeshire Bathrooms; Redmayne, Miller, Rees, Estate Agents, Swavesey Physio and Fen Edge Community Association met event expenses so that every penny from rider donations went to the Day Centre.

To Tom Miller, First Aider; Darryl Bass, Passionate Flowers, Broom Wagon; and Brucies Bikes, Mechanical Support; to Tesco, Bar Hill for drinks & snacks for the family rides; to the Over Community Centre for the BBQ & bar with live music from RPM; to all local businesses who so generously gave raffle prizes; to Julian Eales, event photographer; and to the registration teams, rides marshals and sweepers who helped the event run smoothly.

Finally, we must thank Willingham Wheels and Swavesey & Over Cycling Club for planning, risk-assessing and signing the rides and to the Day Centre Trustees who organised publicity and helpers.

We hope you can join us for next year's rides, provisionally Sunday 30th June 2024.

Compass Café

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Squash is free

Please use the side door to enter, the far side door has a ramp for wheelchair users and pushchairs, and there is a carpet and toys for pre-school age customers.

Compass Café is run as a community event, a place to meet and chat. Your hosts are a group from one of:
Bethel Baptist Church, Girlguiding Units in Swavesey, Swavesey Primary School PTA, St Andrew's Church and Swavesey Women's Institute.

When there is a 5th Thursday in the month other groups are invited to run the café to fundraise.
Please get in touch with Sue Ellington if you would like to know more.
sue.ellington@virgin.net or phone 01954 202923

New phone app to help Addenbrooke's and Rosie patients navigate hospital

Patients have led the way in a project to make it easier to find your way around Addenbrooke's and the Rosie hospitals.

The new CUH Directions app was developed by patients for patients and was the idea of hospital volunteer Mike, a member of the hospital's Outpatient Experience Group, who led on the project with hospital staff.

The app maps out your route from your start to end point in a series of images and words, showing you the shortest route through the hospitals.

Visit the App Store or Google Play Store and download (CUH Directions) to your mobile device.

Find out more at: https://www.cuh.nhs.uk/news/new-cuh-directions-phone-app-helps-patients-find-the-way/

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Swavesey Surgery Patient Reference Group
Left to right : Lorna Gardiner (Practice Manager), Karen Chapman, Dr Anil Jain, John Morgan, Noreen Morgan, Sue North, Bernard Didham

We would like to thank our patients' and the members of the Patient Group for their generous donations and support in raising over £8,500 towards the installation of a new automatic entrance door for the surgery. This will enable much easier access for those with wheelchairs, walking aids and pushchairs.

We will shortly be installing two bike racks at the entrance for use when attending the surgery.

We would be delighted to have new members joining the Patient Group. Please just ask at reception if you would be interested. We meet every 2-3 months on a Thursday between 5-6pm

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Primary School Early Years and Playwork Centre

Wraparound Care and Early Years Provision - Mon to Fri - term-time

Registration Fee £15 per family for using Breakfast and/or After School Club

Breakfast Club 7.30 am - 8.55 am
3+ year olds to Year 6 children: £6 per child per session

After School Club 3.15 pm to 6.00 pm
For Reception to Year 6 children: £12 per child, family rate £11 per child

Early Years 9.00 am to 3.00 pm (full day) or morning (9-12/1) or afternoon (12-3)
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Places for funded children up to 30 hours per week

Charged sessions:-
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2 years and 6 months £17 AM only

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For more information and to register:-
https://www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk/page/?title=EY+%26amp%3B+P&pid=59

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Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

Sleepovers

On Friday 16th June 26 Brownies from 1st and 2nd Swavesey Brownies set of for an exciting adventure - a sleepover at Shepreth Wildlife Park! The evening started with a safety briefing and then we set off for our first private tour of the park. The girls got to see up close many of the animals that might be asleep during a normal day time visit. Our guides Al and Terri were very knowledgeable and answered lots of the girls' questions about the animals and their habits. After the tour we headed back to the education centre where we would be spending the night. The girls enjoyed a delicious tea before participating in games, activities and stories led by Terri and Al. At 10pm it was time for the girls to settle down in their sleeping bags for a good night of sleep!

The next day started with another private tour of the animals that we had not been able to see the previous day. Meer cats and the lions were firm favourites with the girls. We then came back to the centre to complete a fabulous set of activities designed by Terri so that the girls could complete their 'Big Cat Challenge Badge.'

By 12 noon it was lunchtime and then time for a very tired but happy set of brownies to be collected by their parents and for the leaders to get some very well-deserved rest.

Leaders get to go on sleepovers too! Some of the Swavesey leaders were part of a total of 33 from all around Girlguiding Cambs East County who met at Hautbois Activity Centre, near Coltishall in Norfolk for a weekend of fun and training. We got to know other leaders with a quiz, we had a bag of crafts to complete, the opportunity to kayak or SUP and have a go at archery. We could walk around the beautiful grounds, or just sit and relax. The training was about how we can recruit and retain girls and leaders, resources available to us and answering some questions from our new joint county commissioners about how we would like our county to take us forward.

One of leaders was celebrating her 50th birthday and treated us to a campfire with food and singing - it was a wonderful weekend!

Rainbows and Swavesey Brownies are full with waiting lists, sign your daughters up early for Rainbows, don't wait until she is 5 and her friends have started! www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Adult volunteers are always welcome,
please get in touch if you think you can help or would like to know more.
www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest/

1st Swavesey Scout Group

The end of the summer term means 2 fantastic leaders are leaving us. Janet Stones who is a leader at cubs and Elizabeth Bush who is the leader in charge of Beavers.

Janet started at cubs with Steven and Michelle in 2018 when the previous leaders retired. Unlike the other leaders she didn't have any children in cubs so volunteering as a leader was an amazing thing to do. The leaders formed a good bond and provided the cubs with a fun time and then Covid came along and Michelle left.

Janet and Steven took a break during the first lockdown before starting sessions again on Zoom. It was fun trying to think of activities that could be done over Zoom. Her calmness when confronted with the sometimes silliness of what the cubs can say is outstanding. After Covid the pair of them carried on with Jenny and Marian joining the team.

She's now decided that now is the time to stop being a leader. Janet is going to be much missed as her patience with the cubs is amazing. We'll never forget the yoga session she led the cubs in last year where she was nimbler than some of the cubs. So we'd like to thank you for all of the years of volunteering and being an excellent leader to the cubs.

In the last 6 months, the Swavesey Beavers have been going on a multitude of great adventures such as going behind the scenes tour of Cambridge airport, overnight camp, Funday at Gilwell Park plus countless walks and nature hunts. In addition, Fred Palmer, Henry Bush, Mark Hastie and Maylin Pawson of the current cohort have achieved the Chief Scout's Bronze Award, the highest award in Beavers. These have all been made possible by Elizabeth, aka Hawkeye, our incredible Beavers section leader.

Elizabeth was responsible for restarting the Beavers section at Swavesey nearly two years ago. In that short span of time, the section has become a thriving group with 18 Beavers and a very healthy waiting list. Elizabeth's patience, dedication, energy, as well as the way she engages with 18 energetic and spirited children are admirable. Sadly, after this summer we will be saying goodbye to Elizabeth, who will be starting a new adventure. We would like to say many thanks for all that you have done, and we wish you the very best of luck in your new chapter.

Charlie Wilson is the latest scout to achieve his Chief Scout's Gold Award. Well done to him and he is now off to join St Ives Sea Explorers.

Finally, the group camp was a great success. We visited Boyd Campsite near Shefford. We took part in Stand Up Paddleboarding and raft building plus usual camp activities. All members of the group took part in the event with some of the Beavers staying over 1 of the nights.

Beavers (ages 6-8) john.pawson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
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PARISH & COUNTY NEWS

SWAVESEY SUPPORTS THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise by the nation that people who have served or are serving in the armed forces should be treated fairly. The Covenant includes all personnel, including reservists and regulars, and their families. There is help available for people but this is often not widely known.

Swavesey Parish Council has pledged to support the Covenant and is committed to taking action to help raise awareness. This includes having information on its website, supporting St Andrews Church with the upkeep of war graves and promoting veteran friendly services.

If you know anyone who has served and needs any assistance please have a look on the Parish Council website for sources of support and information. The impact of having served in our military can be far-reaching but there is help out there. Please help by promoting awareness. Together we can show our support. Thank you.

Sandie Smith (Swavesey Parish Council Armed Forces Champion)

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The Thomas Galon Charity

Are you aware of this village charity which has been supporting the community, primarily elderly residents, for many hundreds of years?

In 1528 Thomas Galon left agricultural land in his Will for the benefit of the community of Swavesey. A charity was set up enabling the land to be rented out and the income used to help those in need.

Since then the charity has provided winter fuel grants to elderly residents, grants to local doctors' surgeries, Day Centres and Hospices whose services benefit residents of Swavesey and individual grants to residents for various support services (within the charity scheme).

Energy Grant

An Energy Grant Scheme is available for elderly residents. Under this scheme, residents who are aged 70 or over and have lived in the village for 2 years or more can apply to the Thomas Galon Charity for an energy grant, to help with rising energy costs. At the November meeting, Trustees will then consider the amount of grant, depending on funds available, to be paid in the December.

An application form is available if you wish to apply for assistance from this scheme. Please contact the Clerk to the Trustees, Linda Miller at thomasgaloncharity@swavesey.org.uk or call 01954 202982.

The charity trustees meet twice a year in April and November. Grants can be provided to residents for assistance with medial and wellbeing services or items. Applications can be made in confidence to the charity to be considered at either of these meetings. Please do call the Clerk or talk to any of the trustees if you would like to find out more.

Clerk: Linda Miller
email: thomasgaloncharity@swavesey.org.uk tel: 01954 202982

Austin Day, Chairman (230050)

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Further history on the charity can be found on the charity website:
https://www.swavesey.org.uk/community/the-thomas-galon-charity/

August 2023

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Hello Everybody

I hope you are all having a good summer and getting involved in all the community activities and groups there are in the village. It is always good to welcome new members and help our newer residents to feel part of our community.

I thought I would let you know that the council will be taking over the enforcement of parking from the police in the Autumn. This has to be agreed by Parliament first but is expected to come into force in October. The new civic traffic wardens will only be able to issue fines for parking on double yellow lines and areas which are clearly signposted. Inconsiderate parking and obstructing exits etc are not part of their remit but they may offer advice where necessary. Hopefully this will improve safety and obviously the introduction of this system will be closely monitored. When this was proposed at council it was indicated that funding for the service was only for 3 years. I was told there wouldn't be a need after that - I fear that will not be true!

The 4 day week experiment continues to be controversial but the initial 6 month experiment has been extended by a further 12 months. I do find it difficult to contact the officers I need to speak to because they are only working 4 days but also because 2 of those days may be at home. I was however concerned that there is a plan to offer a 4 day week to the refuse operatives. Now they have to empty the same number of bins and they often run to complete their rounds now. How can they speed up? The answer is that the joint refuse service with the city council will buy two more eco lorries and employ two more crews to achieve this aim. To me this is an expensive fugg of the 4 day week principle which will cost the council a lot of money.

I am sorry I have not been around since April due to a useful bit of surgery but I have been attending meetings virtually and sorting Swavesey issues as usual. I am always ready to deal with resident's problems so ring me on 07774146331 or 01954 202923. Alternatively send me an email to:
cllr.ellington@scambs.gov.uk

Best wishes

Sue Ellington
District Councillor South Cambs District Council

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News May/June 2023

At the AGM on May 22nd the Council thanked outgoing chair Cllr Martin Johnson. Vice-chair Cllr Doug Hunt was subsequently elected as Chairman and Cllr Sandie Smith elected as vice-chair for the forthcoming year.

All the necessary annual policies and procedures were reviewed, along with review and adoption of statutory documents and appointments. All of which are available on the Parish Council's Website.

County Council Business

The Buckingway Road surface dressing has finally been completed between the A1307 roundabout and Boxworth End farm and similarly the Over road surface water gullies have been sluiced - now we just need some rain to clarify the effectiveness!

The deferred dates for road surface works were a result of having to wait until necessary works on the Longstanton by-pass and had been completed and which were unfortunately delayed. There have been many comments regarding the amount of traffic in Boxworth End, much of this was a result of the closure of the B1050 between Bar Hill & Willingham.

The issue of illegal parking has been brought up by several parishioners, in particular of parking on double yellow lines and blocking footpath access which is a problem throughout the village, but with very little regular official enforcement we are to a large degree restricted. The PC is in contact with the local police in an effort to get them to carry out more regular visits to enforce parking, especially given the number of vehicles in the village. In the meantime we please ask drivers to park legally & considerately.

It was agreed to apply for a dropped kerb in the Station Rd footpath at the side of the new orchard gate, to enable full access after the new entrance has been installed, which should be during July.

The PC is writing to CCC to ask about additional funding from the Adults & Health Committee towards the Cambridgeshire Community Warden Schemes.

The next stage in discussions and consultation on traffic calming options for the southern end of the village is scheduled for September/October.

District Council Business

The surface water pump on the Burgess Close site is now installed & operational. The PC is chasing up the completion work for the highway and footpath surfacing and the junction with Boxworth End. Gtr Cambridgeshire Planning is also following this up.

COUNCIL NEWS

Planning

Permission has been granted for the conversion of 63 Middle Watch into a retirement living development comprising 6 flats with associated parking & landscaping.

The PC has submitted comments on other applications.

Other Business

The PC is reviewing all existing street furniture with a view to replacing, relocating and installing additional litter bins in various areas around the village.

The new PC website now includes more detailed information on many community services and facilities as well as statutory PC information. A dedicated page will also available on the traffic calming and speeding discussions with CCC.

Following a discussion with the County Armed Forces Covenant Officer, it was agreed to sign up to the Covenant to support the Armed Forces community. A PC action plan is being drawn up to provide support information.

The PC has agreed to plans for the improvement of the open space area on the Carters Way/Priory Avenue estate. Raised planting beds and children's painted floor games will be provided to create a community garden area.

By the time you read this the Swavesey Scout group will have carried out a litter pick in various areas of the village in July, which we thank them for. Similarly the SVC Student Experience Week will have carried out their project to clean up the children's play equipment plus benches around the Recreation Green and Market St Green. Thank you.

Parish Cllrs were pleased to attend the formal opening of the Community artificial pitch facility at the Village College on Sunday 18th June, alongside the annual Spartans Day Tournament.

CPR & Defibrillator Training – with the support of the Thomas Galon Charity, two training sessions were held during July at the Memorial Hall, with training from Magpas Air Ambulance on how to carry out CPR and use a defibrillator. These proved to be very popular and we thank Magpas for being able to provide the training.

E-SCOOTERS

We have received numerous complaints of E-Scooters being ridden on village roads & footpaths. Please note that the use of privately owned E-scooters is ONLY legal on privately owned land and it is ILLEGAL for them to be ridden on all other land which includes village roads & footpaths. Please could those using these stop this before there is a serious accident!

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E-scooters: Christmas gift guidance

The more organised among us might have started doing, or planning, our Christmas shopping. With that in mind, one of the big gift requests this festive season is likely to be an electric scooter, or e-scooter.

Following a presentation from Cambridgeshire Police and the South Cambs Community Safety Partnership to parish councils in September, we wanted to provide you with some helpful information about e-scooter use.

It's currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement. The only exception to this is in zones where trials are taking place, such as some areas within the city of Cambridge. In these areas, hired scooters can be used on the road and on cycle paths.

E-scooters can never be used on the pavement, and e-scooters you may purchase can never be used:

- On a public road without complying with several legal requirements, which users will find very difficult
- In spaces that are set aside for use by pedestrians, cyclists, and horse-riders; this includes on the pavement and in cycle lanes

You can buy e-scooters from many popular retailers, and your children may report to you that all their friends already have one. However, the law is clear - the only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land. So, right now, you can buy one, but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement.

If you are stopped by police while using an e-scooter illegally, they will advise you of the current law about how to use one legally and ask you to take your e-scooter home. They may however still penalise you depending on the nature and gravity of the offence.

This is all because e-scooters are classed as a motor vehicle in the same way that motorbikes and cars are. This means they are subject to the same

legal requirements, such as MOT, licensing, tax, and insurance. As e-scooters do not have numberplates, indicators, and do not always have visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads. Further details

can be found on the following Government website at www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters

Cambridgeshire Police say: "We understand the public's support for environmentally friendly modes of transport. We want to work with the public to make sure the roads are safe for everyone. The UK Government is currently taking part in "Future Transport Zone" trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads. You can find details of the trails closest to you, at www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users"

If you have a question, contact Project Officer – Community Safety Partnership, Beth Watson, on Beth.Watson@scambs.gov.uk

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Swavesey Parish Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month for Planning items and on the 4th Monday of each month for Full Council. All meetings are held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. There is always a 10 minute public forum at the start of the meeting.		

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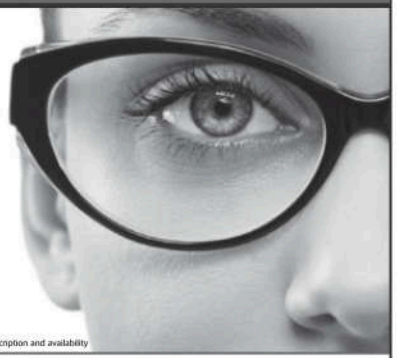

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St Andrew's Church

Regular Services

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At 8pm on the first Thursday of each month, we have fifteen minutes of silence and prayer remembering the people of Ukraine, followed by Compline (a short-sung service of night prayer). By tradition, people then leave in silence.

Please join us at any of these services.

Reverend Lucy Cleland

By the time you read this, we will have said a sad farewell to Reverend Lucy Cleland who has been serving our 5Fold community since August 2020. We will miss her and wish her all the best in her new post as chaplain to the Bishop of Bristol.

Events

June 17th: Plant Sale

Saturday, 17th June turned out to be a much cooler day than those in the previous week which was just what the rows of beautiful plants needed, not to mention all the helpers and visitors! Thank you to all of you who took this opportunity to stock up your gardens with a variety of flower and vegetable plants and maybe bought a preloved rake or hoe. As usual, the refreshments were very popular with many of you enjoying cream teas on vintage crockery in the cool of our beautiful church. The children were not left out; they enjoyed planting seeds and creating seed pictures. Thank you for coming, we always appreciate your support.

7:30pm: November 10th: Cambridge University Gospel Choir

We are delighted to be able to welcome this group of young singers from the university. The Cambridge University Gospel Choir was established to provide a community and space for worship, singing and fellowship. They specialise in singing Christian gospel songs. Put the date in your diary now!

Information

If you have any queries about church services or about our events, please contact the churchwardens:

Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774: jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com

Bridget Lofts: 07732726228 or 01954 231068: bml20@cam.ac.uk

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Club Vintage - Wednesdays 2-4pm

Club Vintage is designed to support older people and extends a special welcome to those with dementia and their carers. There is a small £3 weekly charge. Each week, members enjoy a rotating variety of activities such as chair-based exercise, singing, bible-based crafts, quizzes, games and entertainment from others.

Thursdays 10:30am-12:00pm

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You will receive a very warm welcome at our community run cafe. Enjoy reasonably priced coffee, tea and homemade cakes.

LITTLE LIGHTS - Fridays 10am-12pm

All are welcome, bumps, babies, toddlers, parents and carers. There is no pressure, drop in at anytime for as long as you need. Only £2 per family, which includes cake and coffee for grown ups and drinks and a snack for the little ones! There are optional craft activities and singing as well. We hope you can come along and join us!

The Hub - Fridays 7-9pm

THE HUB

Our Friday night youth club! Open to all secondary aged children. Come along and meet up with friends, chat, play games, listen to music and much more! Snack bar also available. Parents must complete a permission form.

Sunday Services

You are warmly invited to join us at Bethel every Sunday morning from 10:45am for our weekly services followed by coffee in our compass room. Our services are open to everyone and are all family friendly! We have children's groups for all ages, from toddlers up to Secondary school. At Bethel we are brought together by our Faith, but what truly makes us family is our passion to serve God and love one another through every season.

Café Church

Every first Sunday of the month is our all age, café-style service which include refreshments, conversation and maybe even some crafts!

Defribrillator Training

Bethel Baptist Church is planning to host some training sessions on How to use the Village Defibrillators. These will be organised for a few dates in August and September and will be held on different days and times. This is important for the community and so we will only ask for donations for those attending. Dates will be published in due course through posters and Facebook but if you would like to register an interest please email admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk. with your name. Sessions will be for all ages from 12+.

CONTACT US

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'A man's life is always more forcible than his speech. When men take stock of him they reckon his deeds as dollars and his words as pennies.' C.H. Spurgeon

In a world where everyone seems focussed on their own interests isn't it good that all of us, when we think about it, know others who have changed us in some way? These are the folk who have made a real impression and seem to bring out the best in us. In fact it might be a useful exercise right now to make a list of those people that have changed you most. Who would be on your list? Your parents, friends, relations, a teacher, an employer or maybe your youth leader?

Whoever the folk on your list are just think about one of them, what are they like? What exactly is it about them that made that impression on you? Now on your piece of paper describe that person.

If I was a gambling man I would lay odds on the fact that you did not write anything negative like, spiteful, negative, self centred, boring. In fact you will see that you have written things like kind, honest, caring, loving, thoughtful, generous and wise.

Now have a think; what kind of impact would you make if all those good things described you? Isn't it great to know that one person can make a difference why shouldn't it be you who brings some encouragement to others?

Yours ever
Pastor Bob Adams.
Bethel Baptist Church.

Answers to Selwyn's diabolical book titles puzzle on page 18

German greeting, translated, leaves one appalled but needing no introduction (11)	Gormenghast
Earliest tales about rhinos, zebras and nyala: hope feats are amazing! (6,2,3,4)	Tarzan of the Apes
Othello differs in new production (4,2,3,5)	Lord of the Flies
I am on a run, dashing about dead-end Hampshire town (3,3,2,6)	Our Man in Havana
Touch propeller as it spins (3,5,6)	The Color Purple
Like the winner of the Venus Rosewater Dish? (3,5,2,5)	The Woman in White
Roadblock limiting kidnappers' first bungled effort (2,4,1,11)	To Kill a Mockingbird
Jennifer Parker, maybe? (3,4,10,4)	The Time Traveller's Wife
Does it have such people in it? (5,3,5)	Brave New World
In which doctor and reader do battle with her murky fog? (3,6,2,5,7)	The Murder of Roger Ackroyd

Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Sustainability Hub	The Sustainability Hub is a community group that offers space and support for people to realise their ideas for a more sustainable way of life. Contact: rvollerthun@gmail.com Website: www.thesustainabilityhub.biz
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, E-mail: enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk Website: cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). Website: care-network.org.uk/
Compass Cafe	Meets every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church. Contact Sue Ellington on 01954 202923 or sue.ellington@virgin.net
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815134, Email: clare.bates@each.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by DBS checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver Website: http://www.swavesey.org.uk/village-links/owls-community-care-scheme/

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadets UK	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Sgt Phill Barrett phone 07786981380
Swavesey Girlguiding	<table><tr><th>Unit</th><th>Evening</th><th>Contact</th></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Rainbows</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>caroline@overroad.co.uk</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Brownies</td><td>Mondays</td><td>swaveseybrownies@outlook.com</td></tr><tr><td>2nd Swavesey Brownies</td><td>Wednesdays</td><td>secondswaveseybrownies@outlook.com</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Guides</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>swaveseyguides@gmail.com</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Rangers</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>swaveseyrangers@gmail.com</td></tr></table>
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact Chairperson - Mr Darren Bucknall 07872 681167 Secretary - Mr Simon Dawson 07886 215205 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site **Beavers** Day: Thursday 18:00 to 19:15 Contact: Elizabeth Bush - Beaver Leader elizabeth.bush@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk **Cubs** Day: Tuesday 18:15 to 19:30 Contact: Steven Wilson - Cub Leader steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk **Scouts** Day: Wednesday 19:00 to 20:30 Contact : Marian Bentley - Scout Leader Marian.Bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other enquiries please email info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged from 2 years and 6 Months) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email: eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 Ext 2 or 07803 812221.
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. For further details see: www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St Andrews Church, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Julie Holmes julieholmes78@gmail.com Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk

Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Swavesey Tang Soo Do have classes on a Monday and Wednesday in the primary school main hall. Beginners and junior grades are 6pm-7pm and senior grades 7pm-8:15pm. The contact details are Mr and Mrs Morton 07919 050261 and enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk. The website is www.swaveseytsd.co.uk
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Val Sage Tel 01954 230853
British Legion	For information contact:- Secretary - Angela Dye. 01954 277453. email: dyeangela0@gmail.com
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre.The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams.Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: www.swaveseybadminton.net
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring Simon Shore 01954 230848
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Swavesey & Over Cycling Club	We meet regularly throughout the year, with rides most weekends and also weekdays on spring and summer evenings. As a Cycling UK affiliated club our goal is to explore a joint passion for cycling in a safe, inclusive and social way. We aim to organise events throughout the year from day & weekend rides in the UK and long weekend trips in Europe. Contact: John Craven Email: socccommittee@gmail.com Facebook: https://bit.ly/3GJCksZ_SOCC or Website: https://swaveseyovercc.wixsite.com/socc

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lucy Parsons lucyparsons801@gmail.com. We train at Northstowe Secondary Academy on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm
Over & Willingham Cricket Club	We have 2 open age (adult) cricket teams in the Cambridgeshire Saturday afternoon league playing 40 over cricket between the start of May and the end of. August. If you are interested in joining our club, please get in touch with one of the club officials, come along to one of our training sessions or approach any club member on our matchdays (Saturday's) Contact Jane Reeson if you are interested: email - reesonhkx46k@aol.com; Telephone 07768 540146; or Facebook - Over and Willingham CC, or Website - overandwillingham.play-cricket.com
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	Swavesey Institute FC have 2 teams in the Cambridgeshire County Saturday afternoon leagues. For information about the club or if you are interested in playing open age (adult) football for the village please contact Martin Pickering on 07737391445
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email: deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Meet at Bethel Baptist Church, Middlewatch, Swavesey CB24 4RP commencing at 7.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month unless otherwise stated. If you need a lift: PHONE: Trevor Grange - 01954 230119 or Pat Miles - 01954 780485. Guests Are Always Welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.00 to 9.00pm. From 1 April - 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Wednesdays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from s.taylor996@btinternet.com https://swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome.Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Swavesey Speakers	Develop your public speaking skills at this Toastmasters International club. Guests welcome! 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Memorial Hall from 7pm to 9pm (occasional venue change). More details: www.swaveseyspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org or call/text Faye on 07908 443610.
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Margaret Guest tel (01954)202757
Women's Walking	Women's Walking on Mondays and Fridays at 10:00AM. Meet on Market Street green. Walk for approximately one hour on pathways in and around Swavesey. A chance to exercise and chat. Reasonably robust footwear recommended. All welcome. Clare Fox 01954 202882

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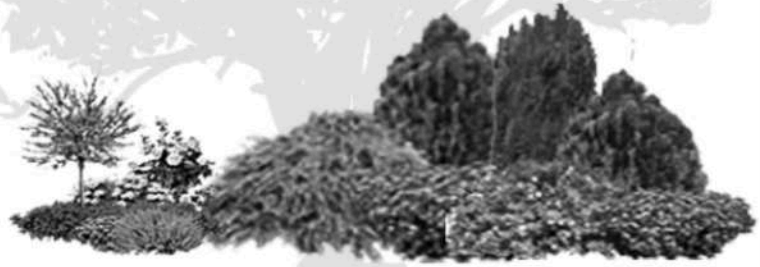

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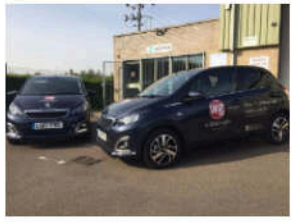

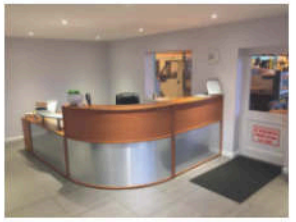

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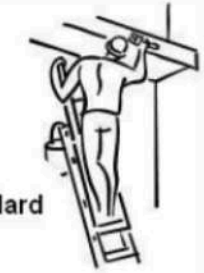

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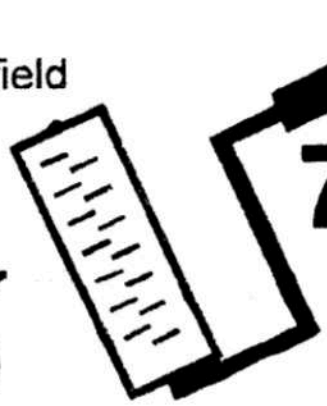

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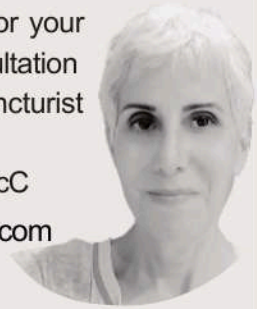

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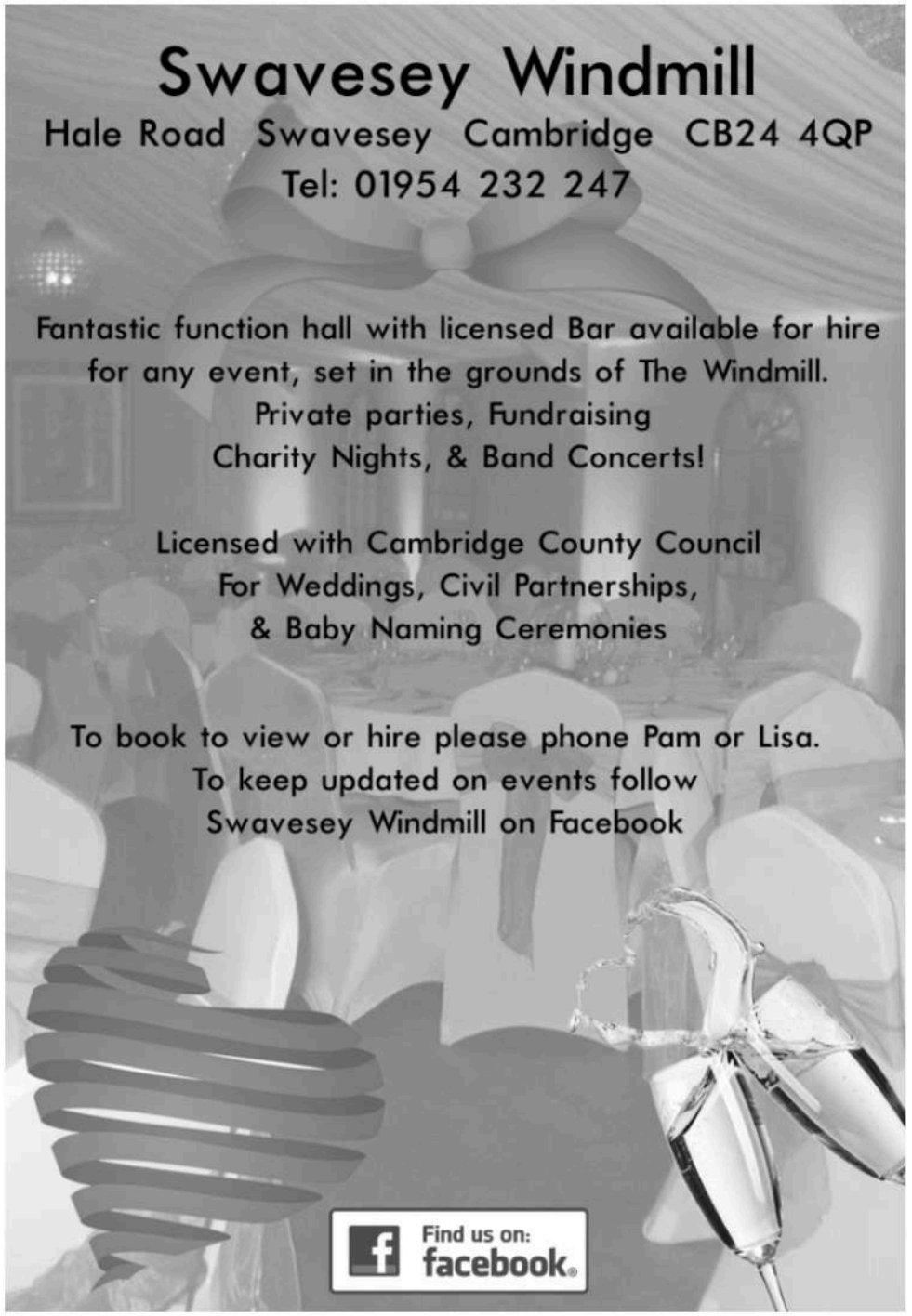
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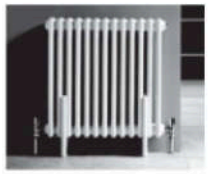

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search for powered transporters

At a recent Police presentation to South Cambs Parish Councils questions were asked about the increasing use of e-scooters around village roads and pavements.

The Community Safety Partnership has produced this leaflet to explain the current law about the use of e-scooters.

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

However, the current law is clear

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements.

All details can be found on the following Government website: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters

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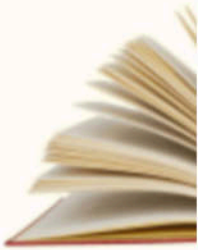

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